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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
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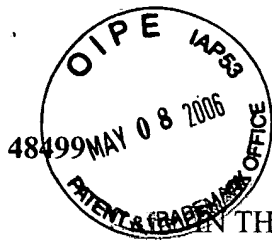
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Serial No.: 10/532,116	:	Art Unit: 3677
Filed: April 21, 2005	:	Examiner: F. Saether
For: <b>THREADED RING FOR LOCKING</b>	:	
<b>ON A THREADED SPINDLE (Amended)</b> :	:	

**AMENDMENT**

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Responsive to the November 29, 2005 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows: